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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF C-14J

VIA FACSIMILE AND OVERNIGHT MAIL

Richard F. Ricci
Lowenstein Sandler PC
65 Livingston Avenue
Roseland, New Jersey 01068-1791

Re: Access Order to Property Known as Sauget Area One Site I in
Sauget, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ricci:

Enclosed please find an Administrative Order for Access to the property known as Sauget Area One Site I located on the facility property of Cerro Copper Products Company in Sauget, Illinois. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA") and/or its representative (Monsanto and Solutia) plan to conduct sampling and investigation activities at the above site because the Agency has determined that the site is contributing to an actual or potential threat of exposure of hazardous substances to human health and the environment. For this reason, U.S. EPA personnel or personnel of its representative, need access to the above property.

Section 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601, et seq., as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-499, 100 Stat. 1613 (1986) ("CERCLA", as amended), gives the U.S. EPA and its representatives the authority to enter any property for the purpose of taking response actions to address the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. Although U.S. EPA personnel may enter property without an owner's consent when entry is necessary to respond to a release or threatened release, it is U.S. EPA's practice to seek the owner's consent before entry onto the property. In this case, representatives of Monsanto and Solutia have been unable to obtain the Cerro's consent to enter its property.

Therefore, U.S. EPA is issuing to you the enclosed "Administrative Order Directing Compliance with Request for Access." Please read the Order carefully and comply with its requirements. Note that under the terms of the Order, you must

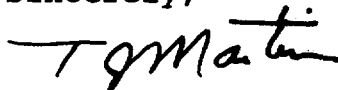
notify U.S. EPA of your intent to comply fully or not comply with the Order by close of business on Friday March 10, 2000. You may submit written comments on this Order and, per your request, a telephone conference may be held. Per its terms, the Order will become effective on Saturday March 11, 2000.

The notice of your intent to comply, as well as any comments you may have, should be sent or faxed to me at the following address or number:

Thomas J. Martin
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 W. Jackson Blvd. (C-14J)
Chicago, IL 60604
Fax: (312) 886-0747

If you have any questions, please call me at (312) 886-4273. I appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Martin
Associate Regional Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Joseph Grana (via fax and overnight: w/attachment)
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Linda Tape (via overnight: w/attachment)
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bcc: Kevin Turner (Marion office) (w/attachment)
~~Mike Holtz (Marion office) (w/o attachment)~~
Leslie Kirby-Miles (w/o attachment)